

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

SATURDAY.....FEB. 22.

Agents for the Free Press.

The following gentlemen are authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the Free Press in their respective localities:-

A. Heaton, Esq., County at large.
Dulley & Dalley, Stringtown.
R. Martindale, Martindale.
Maj. E. Nance, Mountain City.
J. L. Basemore, Cedar Valley.
J. D. Cady, Onion Creek.
All postmasters are also authorized agents.

HOME NEWS.

Canvassed Hams, 10¢ per lb.,
Best Brogan Shoes, \$1 40,
Hats at cost,
At G. W. DONALSON'S.

ELDER J. J. WILLIAMSON preaches
next Lord's Day.

100 PEACH TREES for sale at
S. F. MCALLISTER'S.

Will pay cash for a few good heavy
saddle ponies.

D. S. COMBS.

A FEW more loads of good wood
would be acceptable from persons in-
debted to this office.

AYER'S Hair Vigor produces raven
locks.

"Life and Labors of Bishop Mar-
win," by Dr. McAnally, for sale at this
office, price \$1 50.

VACCINATE your children. Fresh
and reliable vaccine at J. Remer's
Drug Store.

Lumber in San Marcos.

The subscriber keeps on hand all
kinds of lumber, sash, doors, and
blinds, of all sizes, which he will sell
reasonable. Special figures on large
bills.

A. C. MOSHER.

Will have in a day or two a full
line of Paints, Oils, Varnishes and
Brushes.

J. REMER, Druggist.

FIFTEEN kinds of choice Tobacco.
Also cigars and poorworts, at

BRIGGS'.

[N. B.—Briggs is responsible for
the spelling of the Mexican word.—
Ed.]

10lbs Choice Brown Sugar for \$1.00
8lbs " White " 1.00
5lbs Prime Coffee 1.00
30lbs Selected Seed Potatoes 1.00
10lbs Choice Rice 1.00
At JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

D. R. COCREHAM & Co. wish every-
body to know that they are selling
HATS and CLOTHING at astonishingly
low figures. NO MISTAKE. Call and
see.

We learn the addition to the new
school house will be finished this week.

MALONE has begun tearing down
the old "San Marcos Hotel" building.

A "MAD COW" is the latest excite-
ment.

Peterson's Magazine for March, and
Ballou's and Phrenological Journal
for Jan. and Feb., Western Farmer's
Almanac, etc., for sale at this office.

GONE AGAIN.—Our pony. Some
loose horses let him out one night
about two weeks ago. Was seen next
morning enroute for the "happy hunt-
ing grounds" towards Hutchison's
ranch. We would gladly pay any one
a reasonable price for bringing him to
us.

Notice.

On the tenth day of March my occu-
pation tax will expire, and as I do not
expect to renew it persons wishing
pictures will do well to bear this in
mind and call early.

C. W. JUDD, Photographer.

TEXAS TRADE AND IMMIGRATION
GUIDE.—H. R. Harris & Co., are
about to issue at Austin a work, the
character of which is indicated by the
title. It will give historical sketches
of the State and each county, town,
&c., noting climate, soil, products,
population, &c. Also, the mercantile,
manufacturing, live stock, farming, ed-
ucational and other leading interests.
It is a good advertising medium, and
deserving the patronage of our people.
We acknowledge a call from the ef-
ficient agent, W. M. Hunter.

Personals.

Major Bishop, we learn, has located
at Belton.

Mr. Manlove we learn is able to sit
up a little, but remains quite feeble.

W. A. Thompson we have recently
learned has been quite sick, but is
convalescent.

W. H. Burgess, Esq., of Seguin,
was married on the 18th to Miss Mary
Jefferson, of the same place.

Capt. Lane, having measurably re-
covered his health, has gone with his
family back to Dallas to reside. Dr.
Thompson accompanied them.

Our Bastrop correspondent, Dr. Er-
hard, writes us that he has recently
been in attendance several weeks as
one of the Grand Jurors of the U. S.
District Court at Austin.

Geo. T. Malone left for New York
this week to buy his spring stock. He
says he will have the co-operation of
Col. Frost, of San Antonio, and prom-
ises his customers good styles and still
lower prices.

Col. Jno. D. Morrison, of Castro-
ville, called on us on Thursday. He
has retired both from the editorial
tripod and teacher's desk, and is prac-
ticing law. From him we learn that
the Castroville Era has suspended,
and the office been sold.

Trip to the Mountains.

On Wednesday, under the guidance
of our distinguished colored fellow
citizen, Neel Walker, we took a long
and rough ride into the mountain re-
gions in the interesting business of
horse-hunting. We did not find the
"delectable mountains" we read of in
Pilgrims Progress, but the monotony
was varied by some fertile valleys and
fine scenery.

Spico-wood Spring, a narrow gulch,
well timbered with all the varieties com-
mon to this country is an interesting
place.

But at Dauche's Spring, a similar
mountain gorge, but on a much grand-
er scale, the scenery verges upon the
sublime. For several hundred yards
a regular perpendicular precipice rises
more than a hundred feet above the
chasm below. Stones hurled over the
side took some minutes in reaching
the bottom. We have not seen any-
thing grander in Texas.

The so-called "springs" we found
pretty much dry. The most water we
saw was in the "Sour Pond," which
contained considerable, although there
was no apparent reason why it should.
If cleaned out it strikes us it might
make an invaluable reservoir.

The elements of a fine stock country
were everywhere present on our route,
and we have no doubt this part of
Hays county is destined to be utilized
to a vastly greater extent than it has
yet been.

We saw the flocks of sheep of
Messrs. Molar and Gullett, which
looked very well, and multitudes of
horses, but not the one we were seeking.

Don't Forget

That W. H. Harris & Co., of Kings-
bury, furnish as good if not a better
article of lumber for the same money
than can be had at Austin. Dressed
lumber a specialty at Austin rates.
They have also a stock of Calcasieu
lumber for framing, at not over Austin
prices. They solicit the privilege of
bidding on contracts to furnish lum-
ber direct to persons who contemplate
building, and feel sure they can make
it to the advantage of such persons to
confer with them before contracting
with other parties. The several
branches of their business at San An-
tonio, Marion and Kingsbury receive
some three hundred car-loads per
month, an amount perhaps not sur-
passed by any firm in Western Texas,
so there need be no fear of their in-
ability to fill promptly and satisfactorily
all orders. Don't forget, too, the
saving of freight by sending your or-
ders to them.

THE bois d'ares recently set out on
the public square show a move in the
right direction. Upon the whole we
think it is the best tree for planting on
the square. They can be had for the
seedling for at Maj. Donalson's place.
We suggest to the proper authorities
to complete the circle around the Court
House with them at once. Several
years have been lost in futile efforts,
or we might have had a splendid line
of trees by this time. It is not yet
too late to plant, and another year
should not be lost.

Amasavouriens.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—Having
heard it circulated that there would
be an entertainment at the college,
on Friday night last, and having been
so well entertained on previous occa-
sions, we were among the number who
were ready to leave everything and
hasten to the mount of knowledge.
We arrived in good time, and very
fortunately, obtained a comfortable
seat from which we had a full view of
the stage, ornamented not by the dead
imitations of art, but by living beauties.

We soon found that the entertain-
ment was under the control of the
Amasavourian Society, recently
organized by the young ladies of
Coronal Institute. The society was
seated on the stage, and we must say
that it was an attractive part of the
room. All eyes were turned in that
direction, many, no doubt, endeavoring
to single out his—. After prayer,
pointed addresses from the President
and Vice-President were listened to
with marked attention. Very soon
"Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
And all went merry as a marriage bell."

Those little visitors did splendidly.
They are certainly learning the dispo-
sition of their mothers very early.
One of the most interesting features of
the evening was the reading of the
"Aurora," a spicy sheet edited by the
young ladies. We would suppose from
its general contents that it was issued
principally to avenge a spelling match.
We heard spelling match read out
several times and were informed that
it was one that took place some time
since, between the female and male
departments of the school. The re-
sult of the match was not an-
nounced; we suppose, of course, the
young ladies were victorious, but too
modest to mention it. The correspon-
dent that so longingly wishes for socia-
ble young men would do well to im-
port about forty-eleven dozen to sup-
ply the increasing demand in the gen-
eral market. That they are in con-
stant demand would appear from the
reminding of Mr. Briggs to employ an-
other single clerk, as he has married
off the last one he had left. We lis-
tened attentively to the remainder of
the exercises, and were perfectly de-
lighted with the whole. Columbia's
party was charming—especially the
characters. As we gazed upon the
living representations of the various
States we were indeed charmed and
ready to exclaim:
"From'd to give joy, the lovely sex are seen;
Beauteous their form and heavenly in their mien."

The young ladies deserve much
credit for the splendid entertainment
they gave us. As to a repetition of a
like treat, we say do us that way when-
ever you feel disposed. BEN.
SAN MARCOS, Feb. 17th, '79.

PHILOMENE'S MARRIAGE is a story
of French life, for advanced leaves
of which we are indebted to the popular
publishers, T. B. Peterson & Bros.,
Philadelphia. We have read these
pages with much interest, and infer
that the story is a charming one. It
is a comedy of life, full of cleverness
and wit. There is a peculiar charm
about French story writers, of which
the authoress, Henry Greville, offers
in this work a fine illustration.

We have no publications for the
next term of the District Court, and
we learn the docket is very light.
Lawyers appear to have nearly as
"short picking" in this part of Texas
as newspaper men.

Obituary.

The following went astray, other-
wise it would have appeared some
weeks sooner:

We have attended the burial of A.
D. Porter. His death was sudden—
only four days illness. There were
three hundred persons at the grave.
He was a member of the Cumberland
Presbyterian church, and a staunch
temperance advocate. Eld. Roach
conducted the service at the house and
the temperance society laid him in the
grave, while the large crowd looked on
with uncovered heads and sad hearts.
Mr. Porter has resided here for twenty
years. A large and intelligent fam-
ily and community have grown up
around him. They honored him while
living, and they mourn for him now;
and well they may, for in him they
have lost a father. Tall and com-
manding in stature, with flowing white
beard and gray hair, he seemed a patri-
arch among men. The saddest and
yet the most beautiful scene, was the
broken hearted widow and mother of
the stricken family pleading to God,
in half subdued tones, for fortitude to
bear her loss with that faith which
takes no denial, and that hope in
Christ that never goes unrewarded.
God bless her. JEFFRIES.

Fashion Notes.

"The fashions of the incoming sea-
son present us with great and sensi-
ble changes. The long train for street
wear is going out, and the neat, tidy,
jaunty street dress is to take its place.
Thus saith the two great fashion-lea-
ding magazines of New York, that, by
the way, are justly styled "fashion
leaders." They are a new departure
from the great mass of fashion (!)
books that are of no particular use to
give proper ideas of what is worn and
how it is worn. The first of these
magazines is the *Elite Fashions*, issued
monthly at the little price of \$1.50 a
year, post-paid. The other is Smith's
Illustrated Pattern Bazaar, published
quarterly, for \$1.10 a year, post-paid.
Both of these magazines are literally
filled with superb fashion plates—full
sized figures—displaying truthfully
every known style now in vogue in all
parts of the world. Besides, each
number has a full page or more of
Lectures on Dressmaking, illustrated
with cuts, and described so minutely
that the unlearned can readily under-
stand all the "ins" and "points" of
dress making without trouble. We
have made arrangements to receive
subscriptions for the above magazines
at this office—and also we propose to
make our readers the following

GREAT OFFER.

To any person who will send us
\$2.60 we will send the *Elite Fashions*
post-paid one year, and the FREE
PRESS for one year.

To any person who will send us
\$2.40 we will send Smith's *Illustrated
Pattern Bazaar*, post-paid for one
year, and the FREE PRESS one year.

Those who are now subscribers for
our paper can avail themselves of this
great offer, as we will credit them for
our paper for one year beyond the
time for which it is now paid.

Address Editor FREE PRESS.

Description of Hays County, etc.

We have struck off several hundred
copies of our revised and enlarged edi-
tion of the above, in the form of an
extra of the FREE PRESS, and are now
able to supply all reasonable demands
for copies. It gives a full and truthful
account of the county with reference
to History, Area, Location, etc. Popu-
lation; Climate and Health; Price of
Lands and Improvements; Politics;
Natural Wonders; Different Sections
of the County; Adjoining Counties;
Terms of Renting Land; Exempt
Property, etc., Together with much
interesting supplementary matter.

In view of the labor and expense in-
volved in their preparation and publi-
cation, we have concluded to offer
these extras as follows: Single copies
ten cents each; three copies for 25
cents; seven copies for 50 cents; twenty
copies for \$1. Copies will be sent
postpaid to any address at the above
rates.

We need not suggest the convenience
and saving of time and labor in send-
ing such a paper in answer to inquiries
concerning the county, rather than at-
tempt to answer by letter. tf.

Our Clubbing List for 1879.

We are prepared to club the FREE
PRESS to new or renewing subscribers
with the following publications at the
rates specified below, if ordered at
the same time with our paper. In the
first column we give the regular price of
each publication singly, in the second
the price of the same and the FREE
PRESS together:

	Singly.	With the Free Press.
Littell's Living Age.....	\$3 00	\$3 00
N. Y. Weekly Tribune.....	2 00	3 05
St. Louis Republican.....	1 00	3 30
N. Y. Ledger.....	3 00	4 05
The Graphic (weekly).....	2 00	3 90
Louisville Courier Journal.....	2 00	3 40
Detroit Free Press.....	2 00	3 40
Burlington Hawkeye.....	2 00	3 40
Saturday Evening Post.....	3 00	3 40
New York Observer.....	3 15	4 30
Prairie Farmer.....	2 00	3 05
Colman's Rural World.....	2 00	3 05
Journal of Agriculture.....	1 00	3 30
American Agriculturist.....	1 00	3 30
Scientific American.....	3 50	4 70
Scribner's Monthly.....	4 00	5 35
St. Nicholas.....	3 00	4 55
Atlantic Monthly.....	4 00	5 35
Lippincott's Magazine.....	4 00	5 35
Eclectic Magazine.....	5 00	6 15
Phrenological Journal.....	2 00	3 50
Peterson's Magazine.....	2 00	3 05
Appleton's Journal.....	3 00	4 40
Popular Science Monthly.....	5 00	5 90
International Review.....	4 50	5 15
Magazine of American History.....	4 50	5 15
Frank Leslie's Illustrated News- paper.....	4 00	5 35
" " Ladies' Journal.....	4 00	5 35
" " Chimney-Corner.....	4 00	5 35
" " other publications at proportionate rates.....		
Harper's Monthly.....	4 00	5 15
" " Weekly.....	4 00	5 15
" " Bazar.....	4 00	5 35
Godey's Lady's Book.....	2 00	3 05
Democrat's Monthly.....	3 00	4 15
The Nursery.....	1 50	3 15
Peterson's Bank Note Detector.....	3 00	4 15
" " semi-monthly.....	1 50	2 05
" " Monthly.....	1 50	2 05
Home-Journal, New Orleans.....	2 50	3 75
American Union.....	2 50	4 15
Ballou's Magazine.....	1 50	3 40
Ditson's Musical Record.....	2 00	3 05

Postage is prepaid on all the above,
and premiums sent in some cases. For
particulars inquire at this office.

We will also order any of the above
singly, or any other paper or periodical
at publishers' prices, free of charge.

To INVENTORS and MECHANICS

PATENTS and how to obtain them. Pamphlet
of 60 pages free, upon receipt of Stamps for Post-
age. Address—
GILMORE, SMITH & CO.,
Solicitors of Patents, Box 31,
Washington, D. C.

Feb. 15-17

ESTRAY NOTICE.

ESTRAYED—Feb. 1, 1879, by S. W. Lane, be-
fore M. H. Manlove, J. P., Precinct No. 2, one bay
mare, 13 hands high, about 10 years old, branded
D on the jaw and — on the left shoulder.
Appraised at \$20.
Witness my hand Feb. 15, 1879.
ED. J. L. GREENE,
C. C. & H. Co.
Feb. 15-30

BUSINESS CARDS.

MISSISS COLEMAN & BURBANK, DRESSMAKERS,

Nearly opposite J. V. Hutchins' residence, Col-
lege St., in building formerly occupied by Drs.
Denton & Pendleton. Feb. 1-4m

MITCHELL & GLOVER, BANKERS,

San Marcos, Texas.
All Collections promptly attended to. "Sa"
[August 22-17]

O. T. BROWN. F. J. MANLOVE.

BROWN & MANLOVE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

SAN MARCOS, HAYS CO., TEXAS.
Jan. 11-17

W. O. HUTCHISON. THOS. H. FRANKLIN

HUTCHISON & FRANKLIN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

San Marcos, Tex.
Prompt attention paid to Collecting
Claims and Examining Land Titles. [Feb 1-17]

S. B. McBRIDE, ATTORNEY AT LAW,

San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.
Will give prompt attention to all legal business
offered him, and especially to the Collection of
Claims. Sept-17

WOODS & BLAKEMORE, PRACTICING PHYSICIANS!

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
Office at Drug Store of Reynolds & Daniel.
June-17

J. C. ROGERS, CARPENTER and BUILDER,

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

Is prepared to make specifications and contracts
for building, &c., at reasonable figures, and feels
confident of being able to give satisfaction.
Refers respectfully to all for whom he has heret-
ofore done work. Oct. 5-2m

TRAVIS HOUSE!

S. W. COR. PLAZA,

OPPOSITE FALES' STABLE.

W. Z. DRISKILL, - Proprietor

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

Every effort will be made to give satisfac-
tion to home patrons and the traveling public.

STERLING FISHER, ATTORNEY AT LAW,

General Land and Collecting Agent
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

Office in Court house. Will buy and sell lands
examine titles, render assessments, pay taxes
&c. Jan 23-17

OTTO GRAMM, DRUGGIST.

(Successor to A. N. Denson & Company.)
TRAVIS CORNER.

DEALER IN DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMS,
rises, Sponges, Trusses and Surgical Instru-
ments, Oils, Varnish and Window Glass.
Best Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes.
Prescriptions carefully prepared, day and
night. San Marcos, June 23. 17

J. H. COMBS, DENTAL SURGEON,

MECHANICAL and
Operative Dentist-
ry in its various
branches at reason-
able rates. All
work done in the
neatest style. Dis-
eased gums and bad
breath promptly re-
lieved. Feb. 1-17

CHAS. BOCK,

—DEALER IN—

FAMILY GROCERIES,

Has opened at his old stand in San Marcos, where
he will keep a full stock of goods in his line,
and sell as cheap as the cheapest.

Brands, Wines, Whisky and Beer
always on hand and sold on physicians' prescrip-
tion only. Feb. 1-17

I. H. JULIAN, BOOKSELLER

—AND—

Newspaper and Periodical Agent
SAN MARCOS, TEX.

Will take subscriptions for all the leading New-
papers and Magazines, North or South, at pub-
lishers' prices, free of charge, or club them with
the FREE PRESS at reduced rates.
Any book also furnished. Terms cash on de-
livery. Jan

Discontinuation

The firm of Denson & Johnson, who have
consent to this day dissolved. Every
debtor to sign the firm name in liquidation, is
instructed to do so as earnestly requested to do so
forward and settle. DUNN & JOHNSON.

Feb. 8-17

LETTER, CAP AND MILL PAPER, Envelopes

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the FREE PRESS OFFICE.